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Purpose and Audience:

With the departure of Gretchen Hammer, former Medicaid Director, the Department would like to announce the placement of Interim Medicaid Director and Interim Director of the Office of Community Living.

Information:

Effective October 15, 2018, Laurel Karabatsos will serve as Interim Medicaid Director and Bonnie Silva will serve as Interim Director of the Office of Community Living.

In addition to the Interim Medicaid Director, **Laurel Karabatsos** serves as the Deputy Medicaid Director and Director of the Delivery System and Payment Innovation Division. Karabatsos leads the Department's work innovating, testing and refining new ways to deliver and pay for health services. Most recently, Karabatsos has been leading reform through the Accountable Care Collaborative, a program that gives Health First Colorado members their full benefits while emphasizing coordinated care and good health outcomes. Karabatsos' work with Health First Colorado began in 2001 when she managed the Quality Improvement section of the Department. As the leader of Health First Colorado's program integrity and quality functions, Laurel measured health outcomes and client satisfaction across managed care and fee-for-service programs. She evaluated managed care health plan performance and set policies for utilization management.

In addition to the Interim Director of the Office of Community Living, **Bonnie Silva** serves as the Deputy Director of the Office of Community Living and the Director of the Policy, Innovation, and Engagement Division, guiding policy, strategy, system redesign and internal performance, including communication with our long-term services and supports stakeholders. Prior to her current role, Silva was the Long-Term Services & Supports Division Director at the Department. Silva has worked in the field of long-term services and supports at the both the local and state level for 20 years and has extensive experience in program administration, policy development, quality oversight and community engagement. Silva has worked on disability policy in both the government and non-profit sectors, holding positions with service provider agencies, case management agencies and state departments, working as a direct support professional for people with disabilities and in leadership positions providing oversight and direction for disability programs across the state.

Attachments:

None

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